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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU REQUESTS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
CARTER DURING GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REF: A. NICOSIA 1757; B. STATE 231553

1. PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU ASKED ME TO SEE HIM MORNING SEPTEMBER
13 AND TOLD ME HIS PLANS CALL FOR MEETINGS WITH BELGIAN GOVERN-
MENT DAY OF SEPTEMBER 26 AND ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK TO ATTEND
GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON SEPTEMBER 27. THE PRESIDENT EXPECTS TO
REMAIN IN NEW YORK FOR TEN TO FITEEN DAYS.

2. HE RECALLED HIS TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT CARTER
DURING THE SSOD, AT WHICH TIME HE SAID THE TWO PRESIDENTS HAD
DISCUSSED A MEETING DURING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE PRESIDENT
SAID HE QTE TOOK IT THAT IT WAS TENTATIVELY ARRANGED END QTE
THAT THE TWO PRESIDENTS WOULD MEET, BASED ON THEIR TELEPHONE
CONVERSATION AT THAT TIME.

3. PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU SAID THAT, IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT DE-
VELOPMENTS AND ESPECIALLY THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO, HE BELIEVED
IT WAS EXTREMELY DESIRABLE THAT THE TWO OF THEM SHOULD
MEET.

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4. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT IF THE PRESIDENT WERE NOT PLAN-
NING TO GO TO NEW YORK DURING THE PERIOD HE WOULD BE
THERE, HE, HIMSELF, WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO TO WASHINGTON
AT ANY TIME CONVENIENT TO PRESIDENT CARTER.

5. THE PRESIDENT THEN ASKED WHAT DENKTASH'S REACTION
HAD BEEN DURING THE NIMETZ VISIT. I GAVE HIM A CONCISE

RUNDOWN, POINTING OUT THAT DENKTASH HAD GIVEN EVERY INDICATION OF BEING FLEXIBLE BUT INDICATED HE WAS QUITE CATEGORIC IN STATING HE FELT THE TIME HAD COME WHEN THERE SHOULD NOW BE A GOC RESPONSE TO HIS PROPOSALS AND THAT HE DID NOT INTEND TO TAKE ANY FURTHER INITIATIVE. PRESIDENT KYRIANOU SIGNALLED SOME DISAPPOINTMENT. I TOLD HIM IT LOOKED TO ME AS THOUGH SOME OUTSIDE INITIATIVE WAS NECESSARY TO GET THINGS REALLY MOVING AND THAT THIS PERHAPS HAD BEST COME EITHER FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL OR FROM SOMEONE WORKING ON HIS BEHALF. I CONTINUED THAT WE RECOGNIZED THAT FOR INTERNAL POLITICAL REASONS THE U.S. SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS BEING IN THE FOREFRONT OF ANY SUCH EFFORTS, BUT WE UNDERSTOOD IT WAS THE DESIRE OF HIS GOVERNMENT THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS BEHIND THE SCENES. THE PRESIDENT IMMEDIATELY INTERJECTED THAT INDEED THE GOVERNMENT WAS COUNTING ON THE U.S. TO WORK ACTIVELY AND, ESPECIALLY, TO EXERT PRESSURE ON TURKEY. AFTER ALL HE SAID, WE HAD USED THE ARGUMENT THAT THE EMBARGO WASN'T WORKING AND THEREFORE SHOULD BE LIFTED. THE U.S. HAS MORE LEVERAGE ON TURKEY THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY AND HE BELIEVED WE MUST USE THAT LEVERAGE.

6. I ASKED THE PRESIDENT WHETHER HE HAD HAD ANY REPORT FROM THE FONMIN SINCE THE LATTER'S MEETINGS IN PRAGUE AND VIENNA. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT HE HAD TALKED TO HIM BRIEFLY AND CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT ROLANDIS HAD SOUNDED ENTHUSIASTIC. ROLANDIS WOULD RETURN EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 13 AND WOULD BE GIVING FULL REPORT NEXT DAY.

7. I TOLD THE PRESIDENT I WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED TO LEARN THAT AN AMERICAN COMPANY, ITT, HAD BEEN INVITED TO COME TO CYPRUS TO NEGOTIATE THE FINAL TERMS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EARTH SATELLITE STATION. I ADDED THAT I KNEW THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT AND THAT I BELIEVED THEY WERE PREPARED TO BE FORTHCOMING ON THE FINANCIAL TERMS. I EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE TWO OF US COULD BE PRESENT AT AN INAUGURATION OF THE STATION AT THE END OF 1979.

8. AS I LEFT, THE PRESIDENT SAID HE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO KNOW IN ADVANCE ABOUT THE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER SO AS TO BE IN A POSITION TO RESPOND TO QUERIES BEFORE HE LEAVES CYPRUS. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE WHICH I CAN PASS ON TO PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU.
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